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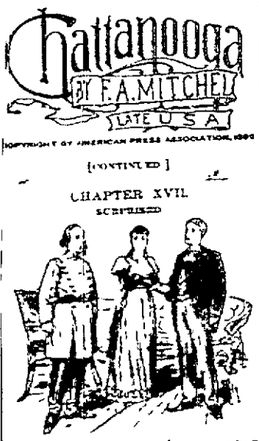

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CHAPTER XVII

SCRIPTURED

"I am the guest of that young lady"

The next morning Mark hearing a tap at the door got out of bed and opened it cautiously. As was natural under the circumstances he saw danger in everything that occurred. He half expected a shot through the night opening he at first made the muzzle of a revolver point directly at him. He saw a very different sight. It was a large tumbler with a straw in it on a silver tray in the hands of a negro.

Mrs. Fain's compliments ash," and he handed Mark a mint julep.

Ah exclaimed Mark with intense satisfaction

Present my compliments to your mistress, and tell her I perceive with pleasure that this noble Virginia custom has found its way into Tennessee as it has it has gone into South Carolina."

"Yes sah"

There are alleviating circumstances even in the life of a spy" said Mark contemplating the beverage uncertain as that life is. Why will man not always be a philosopher? Here I am in a beautifully furnished room have been accepting between the whitest linen, on the softest of beds. I arise and behold the delicate attention on the part of my hostess who if she should know who I am would bring a dozen lay mints to bedeck me in and I should be waving in the soft summer breeze at the end of a hemp cord in twelve hours. But she does not know who I am and consequently physically I am Mr Rhett of South Carolina and in clear. Here's to Private Mark Malone poor devil"

If never Mark desired to keep his head of consultering the circumstances, and concealed himself with a few swallows of the julep and after completing his toilet joined the ladies at the breakfast table. He praised Mrs. Fain's fried chicken and light biscuit and corn bread and was about to give the coffee a few words of encomium when tasting it beforehand he discovered the prevailing chicory. So he entered upon a tirade against the blockade and ended by hoping that Abe Lincoln would at last be hanged higher than Haman, a reference that gave him a disagreeable sensation about the neck and caused Laura's bosom to heave tumultuously.

The comforts surrounding Mark the kindness of his hostess, and above all the presence of a girl whose bosom seemed to contain such a volcanic forces as would best harmonize with one whose chief object in life seemed to be to get himself hanged conspired to make him feel a safety that he should not have felt under the circumstances. He had been campaigning for a year during which period he had experienced no greater comfort than a Methodist meeting and the women of the country through which he had passed had not received him with any marked evidences of pleasure. Is it to be wondered that he felt appreciative of it—if one can feel content who must live in a halter—in the future or future?

But Mark had something else on his mind which he knew was of more importance than his own safety though its value if he should possess it would be problematical as to that safety. He wanted some indication of where the enemy would strike. He was not to foolhardy as to think of going back. Chattanooga himself but he resolved to send a messenger. If he could find some one to go to town that day the latest news could be brought him in the evening. Then he would assume a disguise and be off in the night.

After breakfast he took his pipe and went out on the yard. He sauntered around to the barn and found Daniel at work upon the fence.

"Daniel" he said "good morning."

Mornen sah" said Daniel eyeing him suspiciously.

How lot of stock you have here Dan iel."

Yes sah fine stock."

And I see you take good care of them. That pony shines as if his coat had been oiled."

Dat Missie Laurie pony, sah"

Ah! It is a fine animal. And is that her phaeton?"

Yes, sah."

Mark was standing very near Daniel and suddenly turned and looked him in the eye, knowingly.

"Daniel," said he, "are you all right on the cause of freedom?"

Reckon I air, sah"

"Suppose you had a chance to favor that cause, the cause which if it triumphs will make all darkies free, would you do it?"

Reckon I would, sah"

"Well, suppose a Union man were to ask you to"—

"Yo' countenance air berry fallibar to me, sah"

Do I look like Mr Slack?"

"God bress the Lo d! I wonder if yo' air Mr Slack?"

"Or the colored girl who came here the other night," Mark asked in a low, confidential tone.

"Fo de Lo d!"

"Never mind who I am, Daniel. I'm a Union man. Now I want you to go into Chattanooga and learn all you can of the latest army news. Don't trust to your own eyes, but ask people what's going on. I want to know if troops are leaving Chattanooga, and if so, where they are going. Here are ten dollars. Buy some things for the old woman and the children, and ask questions—of other people I mean, not me."

"Trus' me fur dat," said the old man, and going to the stable he began to harness a horse to the family wagon.

When Mark finished smoking he went into the house. He passed into the library, where he found Laura. She seemed to feel easier than when Mark had been up stairs, but she was in continual dread. Mark asked her to sit on a sofa facing one window while he sat facing another. "Then we'll have the position enfiladed," he said.

Laura did not understand what that meant, but she did as he desired.

They sat thus without suffering the watch to relax during three delightful hours—delightful notwithstanding the danger Mark was in. Laura wanted an account of his adventures in Chattanooga and he gave it. When she came to Souri s part in his escape Laura was visibly affected, indeed so intensely were her feelings wrought upon by this portion of the story that she started at every sound realizing the more perfectly that Mark s neck was still in jeopardy.

Then came an account of the trial, the march to the courtroom, the waiting for the counsel, the arrival of Captain Cameron Fitz Hugh.

Captain Cameron Fitz Hugh!"

Then it was all out that Laura's lover had defended the spy, and Laura confessed that she was betrothed.

In the midst of the excitement attending all this Mrs. Fain entered carrying a silver tray, on which was a basket of cake and a decanter and glasses.

A little luncheon may not be amiss, Mr. Rhett," she said. "I don t know your South Carolina customs in such matters, but my daughter and I occasionally take a biscuit at this hour."

Mark rose and faced about. His hand went to his heart and he bowed low. Laura, too, rose and stood looking at her mother.

"Madam," said Mark, "can I ever forget this kindness?"

If you will discover the one you seek on our property I shall feel amply repaid" said the lady sententiously.

"Trust me, madam, I will have diligent search made."

Are you a geologist?"

None but a geologist would be hunting for ore in the government service."

Mark stood with the stem of a wine glass between his thumb and finger appropriating to himself such impressement as would naturally fill the breast of a South Carolina geologist hunting for iron with which to make cannons for the government.

That is a fascinating study, remarked Mrs. Fain, who was a great reader and a very intelligent woman.

Now Mark, though an educated man and born to a taste for the sciences, unfortunately knew less about the profession he had temporarily adopted than any other.

There are some curious geological facts Mrs Fain went on which always interest me. In the reading yesterday that a famous geologist has said that centuries—I have forgotten how many—were consumed while Niagara falls were wearing their way from Lewiston to the present site. How long was it, professor? I m sure you have that title."

It could not have been less than five hundred years, madam" said Mark laying great stress on the figures as something enormous.

Five hundred! I thought it was something like twenty thousand!

Mark perceived that he had made a gross blunder but it was not to do for him to acknowledge it.

I am aware he said "that such is the opinion of a certain school of geologists with more assurance than brains. I refer to those scoffers who are continuously trying to find evidence against the Mosaic account of creation but I regard their position untenable.

There was a pleased look on Mrs Fain's countenance. She belonged to the Baptist denomination, and believed that oughly that the world was made in six days of twenty four hours each.

"Professor" she said withdrawing from the room at the same time, I trust that you will remain in the neighborhood a long while as I beg you to honor us by making this house your home in the meantime."

Mark was standing with a half filled glass of wine in his left hand while his right was on his heart. Mrs Fain made her exit through the door by which she had come opening into the dining room. As the door closed Mark was bowing to the floor admirably representing a South Carolina gentleman of the olden time.

He heard something like a low cry—half surprised half terror—from Laura. Turning quickly toward her he saw her eyes fixed in a stare on some object at the door opening into the hall. Another turn of his head and there at not the big bro of Captain Cameron Fitz Hugh.

Twice before had Mark seen that face once when Fitz Hugh had approached the Fain house the morning Mark had left it for Chattanooga, and now when the young Confederate had defended him at the trial.

No sooner had Captain Fitz Hugh laid eyes on Mark s face than he recognized the spy he had defended at Chattanooga.

Professor" he said coolly, "you are very adroit."

Mark turned scarlet and then ashy pale. For a moment it seemed that his legs would not support him. It required time for him to collect himself to make any reply whatever.

Since you are so good at extricating yourself from difficulties you have a fine opportunity to show your skill now" Fitz Hugh spoke with his hand on the handle of his pistol. "May I trouble you to throw up your hands professor?"

It is not necessary" said Mark "I am unarmed."

A picture of his certain fate flashed across his mind and he wished Fitz Hugh would shoot him.

"On your word of honor?"

"Why do you ask such a question? You know that I am an arch deceiver."

Never mind throwing up your hands."

Meanwhile Mark had been giving his heart time to cease thumping, and had gathered his wits.

Laura remained silent, staring at them both as though she had lost her reason. Had she a hundred things to say her tongue could not have been made to utter one.

Mark turned toward Fitz Hugh and looked him square in the face. He had conceived an idea, a forlorn hope, it is true, still a hope. Quick to discern people's peculiarities, he had gotten an insight into Fitz Hugh's character when that officer had defended him at Chattanooga. He now resolved to take advantage of that knowledge.

"Captain," he said, "notwithstanding the position in which you saw me a few days ago, notwithstanding the painful situation in which you see me now, you have on both occasions done me the honor to consider me a gentleman. I assume to a perception in this respect not less keen than yours. Indeed so sure am I of the delicacy, the refinement of your instincts, that I feel perfectly safe under this roof."

"How so?" asked Fitz Hugh, surprised.

"I am the guest of that young lady."

Mark stood with his arm outstretched, his finger pointing to Laura Fain. Laura gave a glance at Mark as he spoke, which caught the eye of Captain Fitz Hugh. It contained admiration, devotion. Fitz Hugh gazed from one to the other without a word.

"I need not explain further, captain," Mark added. "A gentleman cannot mistake my position; only a gentleman can understand it."

"You mean, sir," said Fitz Hugh, "that I cannot honorably enter this house and profit or cause my country to profit by what I find here without the consent of the inmates."

"I do"

Mrs. Fain is the acknowledged head of this house and she is evidently deceived. But I concede to Miss Fain the right to speak for her. I acknowledge Miss Fain's right to hold me to this secret, if any one has such a right. But when Miss Fain shall have been fully advised of all the facts"—

"Pardon me, she knows all you know"

Then when Miss Fain shall have duly considered the interests of her country I am quite sure she will give her consent."

The attention of both men became fixed upon Laura, for it was evident that she would be called upon to make a decision between her country and her lover on the one hand and the defenseless Union spy on the other. She was standing near the sofa on which she had been sitting, steadying herself by resting her hand on the back of a chair. It was a moment of intensest feeling to all three. Laura knew the sterling worth, the high sense of honor and duty of her lover. She knew that if she held him to secrecy he would consider it evidence that she permitted her interest in the spy to overwhelm her sense of duty. And would be not attribute her protection to something more tender than an ordinary interest? Fitz Hugh realized her position, indeed there seemed to flash into both of them the feeling that her decision would lie between two men—her lover and the Federal spy. With Mark it was a question of life or death.

Miss Fain—Laura," said Fitz Hugh, speaking slowly and impressively, "I ask your permission to give up this impostor—pardon me sir, for the plainness of my language, it is essential—this spy, who desires to carry information north to the detriment of our country, who seeks the defeat of our cause—the cause in which your brother is every day risking his life lastly—though this may be a matter of small importance—the cause for which I, your lover, would lay down my life as I would lay it down for you. It seems to me that it is a question between your duty and your inclination. Does it seem so to you?"

It does"

Then tell me, may I send for a guard to take him?"

Laura's eyes shown like those of a tigress at bay. In a firm, clear voice, she said

"No!"

For a few moments there was the stillness of death.

She has decided in your favor, sir," said Fitz Hugh, whose color left his cheek when Laura spoke the little word that decided his and Mark s fate. "You have nothing to fear from me." Then turning to Laura

I can understand the motive the temptation. The act remains."

You may consider yourself released from all ties with one whose act you do not approve," said Laura.

Is it so" and he turned to go.

Mark sprang forward and seized him by the wrist.

"My God, this shall not be! You believe that this is due to more than an ordinary womanly interest in Miss Fain for me. It is not so. I swear to you, on the honor of a gentleman and a soldier that Miss Fain has manifested no other feeling than one of consideration for a man hunted for his life."

Your words do you credit, sir Miss Fain will you make my address to your mother? And I leave it to you to impart to her whatever, if anything you may have to say as to the reason for my farewell to you."

He turned quickly and left the room.

CHAPTER XVIII

OFF FOR THE UNION LINES.

"You are to a gentleman and I a poor white trash"

Mark s first impulse after Fitz Hugh's departure was to leave the house at once. He tried to say something to Laura to soothe her to excuse his own unfortunate part in her breaking with her lover. He could only go to her and taking her hand kissed it without a word. Then he told her that he should take the risk of capture and depart instantly.

He was discoursing upon the method of his departure in quick, excited tones, when a horseman entered the yard, and riding up to the veranda drew a letter from his belt and handed it to a negro who went out to receive it. It was for Mrs Fain. It had been sent through the lines from Nashville, where her husband was lying dangerously ill, and begged her to come to him.

After its perusal Mrs. Fain determined to set out the next day, taking with her her daughter and the maid Alice. Daniel would drive them.

"You shall go with us," said Laura to Mark. "This is fortunate. In our company you will be far safer than trying to make your way alone."

It occurred to Mark that since he was being hunted as a half starved creature in the disguise of a negro girl he would be less liable to suspicion as a well dressed man traveling with a party of southern ladies than in any other character. At any rate he took this view of it, and when Mrs Fain announced her intention to go he offered to escort the party to the Union lines.

The offer was accepted, and preparations were made to leave the next morning. Mrs. Fain wrote a note to the officer in command at Chattanooga (to send with the letter she had received from her husband for herself, her daughter and two servants. Mark took the missives and went out to find Daniel, who had just returned from Chattanooga.

"Well, Daniel?"

I be'n dar."

What did you learn?"

I learn obery one talken 'bout sojers goen to 'do nort, and dey sayd day was goen to Knoxville. Dey was marchen 'n marchen all do samo way. I follered 'n dey brung up at de depot, 'n I sor one train after anudder go out full o' sojers 'n mule and hangen on to de platfo'm and on de roofs."

"How many trains did you see go out?"

"Bout forty hundred."

"Daniel," said Mark, smiling at the figures, "you're smart as a whip. But you'll have to go right back to Chattanooga, and take this note to the commanding officer with this letter from your master to show him. The note is a request for a pass for the party to the Union lines. Keep your wits about you, and if he is an easy going sort of a man, you might try to get him to put in three servants instead of two. At any rate try to ring me in if you can. Do you understand?"

"Reckon I do, sah"

"Can you read?"

A leetle. Missie Laura learned me."

"Well read the pass first, may give you and ask him to fix it so that it will include me as a servant. Then you must use your judgment."

Daniel drove again to Chattanooga. Mark waited anxiously for his return. Indeed so impatient was he that he thought the negro had been gone twice as long as he had when he saw him drive into the yard. He at once went out to the barn to meet him.

"Any luck" he asked anxiously.

"I got de pass for mistus and de res', but I didn't get what yo' wanted. I got a paper hyar. Mebbe it'll do."

Mark took the paper. It was a pass for Thomas Green and wife from Chattanooga to the Union lines.

"How did you get this?" asked Mark surprised.

"I hab to wait while folks was gotten passes. De officer go out to de udder room fur a moment. Dis was layen on de desk n I tuk hit up and brung hit away."

"Well," said Mark, "it is not exactly what I want, but ingenuity will have to help me through. You're a trump, Daniel."

In the morning when all was ready for the departure two vehicles were brought around to the door, the one a two horse carriage, the other a phaeton, drawn by her pony. Mrs Fain entered the former with Alice, Daniel being in the driver's seat. Laura and Mark got into the phaeton.

Mark took the lead, designing to make for Battle Creek. The distance was but twenty miles, and he knew that they could make it in a few hours. It was a bold game he was playing, but the proximity of the halter was wearing on him, and he desired to get rid of suspense. Besides his presence connected with his cruel situation, was wearing on Laura. He therefore felt an exhilarating pleasure when they drove out of the gate and trotted along the pike westward. Hope cheered him.

All went well during the first ten or twelve miles, when Mark received a piece of information which seriously interfered with his plan. Meeting a courier riding toward Chattanooga, who looked as if he might be the bearer of some important news, Mark hailed him and asked if he had anything from the front.

"The Yankees air gotten no'th right smart," the man replied. 'Reckon th' afo' I left Battle Creek."

Mark argued that if this were true there would be confusion on that route and it would be better to take another. They were not far from the road leading from the Chattanooga pike north to Anderson, on which the Slacks lived. Mark concluded to take this road as far as Anderson, and then strike west with a view to reaching McMinnville on the other side of the mountains. Mrs Fain left all to Professor Rhett, in whom she had perfect confidence, and on coming to the road in question Mark led the party northward.

The change of route was unfortunate, inasmuch as it would add another day to the journey. The delay in departure from the Fain residence had been delayed by the preparations until noon. McMinnville was a considerable distance over the mountains and Mark knew they could not reach it that night. He reasoned that they would soon pass the Slacks, and if it occurred to him that it would be a capital place to pass the night giving them a good day of twelve hours light on the morrow to pursue their journey. His disappointment at the delay was compensated for by the thought that he would likely learn something of Souri and Jakey, of whom he had heard nothing since he left them in the Chattanooga jail.

Mark told Laura of his plan. She was distressed at the delay. Something seemed to tell her that it would bring trouble. But Mark's reasoning was unanswerable, and there seemed nothing else to do. If they must spend a night anywhere it would better be among those upon whom Mark could rely.

At last they drove up at the Slacks gate. Mark handed the reins to Laura and jumped from the phaeton impatiently. Not seeing any one in the front of the house he proceeded to the rear. The first person he met was Jakey. He took the boy up and hugged him.

"Are you glad to see your big brother, Jakey?"

Air th' corn ripe?"

Souri came out of the house, her big eyes glistening and her expressive face radiant with pleasure and excitement. She had heard nothing of Mark since he left her in prison. Mark seized her by both hands.

"You are safe. I knowed it," she said, almost in a whisper. She could hardly speak for joy.

"For the present, Souri, thanks to you."

Mark asked no questions then. He knew that they were safe and at home, and he hastened to inform them and the father and mother who came out to welcome him that he was with a party who was unaware of his true character, which they must not betray, and desired permission to stay in the house over night. Then he led them around to the gate. Daniel had meanwhile caught up, and the two vehicles were halted in the road.

"We will spend the night with these good people," said Mark. "They are quite willing, and will make us as comfortable as possible."

The party alighted and the horses were driven to the barn. Mrs. Fain and her daughter were given the room in which Mark had changed his clothes when he went through to the south, and Mark was assigned a bed-place on the gallery, or in the barn, or any other place he might select.

An apology for a meal was carried in to Mrs Fain and Laura, which they left untasted, preferring a luncheon they had brought with them in a basket. After supper Laura came out and begged Mark to bring Souri and Jakey to speak to her. She smoothed Jakey s tumbled hair out of his eyes and asked him if he remembered her. Jakey was about to reply in his usual fashion when he checked himself, and for the first time since Mark had known him answered directly. Souri stood by Laura from the corners of her black eyes with a mingled expression of admiration and antagonism. Laura spoke to her kindly, but got only monosyllables in reply.

Mark passed the evening with the Slack family listening to a recital of Souri's and Jakey's experience after he had left them in the jail at Chattanooga, and he gave them an account of his own adventures.

After all were asleep that night Mark took Farmer Slack out into the yard, where they could converse unheard, and developed a plan he had conceived for Souri and Jakey.

"It is due to your son and daughter," he said, "that I am here at this moment, indeed that I am alive. I belong to a wealthy family and am wealthy myself. It only requires means to make a splendid woman of the girl and a fine man of the boy, for means will produce education, and education is the open door to a desirable career. I am going to leave with you a letter to my father in Ohio, which will contain an order for a sufficient amount of money to insure both Jakey and Souri an education. Take or send them north, present the letter, and you will find everything provided for. You Souri may not consent at once, but doubtless she will in time. Now I must have pen and paper."

"You uns is a good un, stranger. Ye treat us fair. Hadn't you better send the letter whiar' git to'th?"

"No. I must write it tonight. I am by no means safe, my neck is still in a halter."

The man led the way to his bedroom, where the old woman was sleeping. There he produced writing materials, and Mark wrote an order which, whether he lived or not, insured the future of his two friends, his preservers among the "poor white trash" of Tennessee.

The night was passed with snatches of sleep by all the travelers again got into the carriages. While they were standing before the gate prior to departure Mark saw Souri out by the well. He went there to bid her goodby.

"Souri," he said, "I wish there was some way in which I could show you the gratitude I feel toward you. When I think of my fate, had you not appeared in the nick of time to save me by your wit and daring and sacrifice, I feel that I would like to make some corresponding sacrifice for you."

"Laws, I didn t do nothen. Besides" —she leaned over the well and looked down into its depths—"you uns and me is too differ. You uns is a gentleman, and I air poor white trash."

There was an inexpressible melancholy in her tone.

"Souri" Mark went on, "I have made an arrangement with your father to make a lady of you. I can't make such a sacrifice for you as you have made for me, that is impossible, but I can do this if you will act with me and consent to the plan. I shall be off in a moment, and before I go I want you to promise me that you will consent. I am still in danger, and you must grant me this as perhaps a last favor."

The girl burst into tears.

"Promise"

I don't keer what I do."

Do you promise"

"Yas, I promise"

With a pressure of the hand he turned away, and stalking to the gate got into the carriage beside Laura. Daniel and Mrs. Fain had started. Mark followed, and had gone but a short distance when he heard Jakey calling to him. He pulled in the pony and waited for the boy to come up. Jakey was holding something out to him, which, as he drew nearer, Mark recognized as the red silk handkerchief.

"Souri sent it ter)"

"Tell her that I'll never part with it."

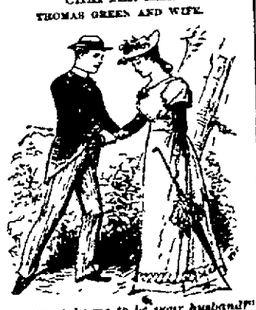
"N I got the squirrel gun," said the boy.

"All right, Jakey. Keep it to remember me by."

Mark grasped the boy's hand and then drove on. Laura Fain leaned back on the cushions in silence.

CHAPTER XIX.

THOMAS GREEN AND WIFE.



"Do you take me to be your husband?"

Mark designed driving to Anderson, some twelve miles from the Slacks' house, whence he knew there was a road leading up in the mountains through a place called Altamont, some twenty miles farther, to McMinnville. He was informed by people he met on the road that Altamont had been recently occupied in force by the Union troops. With luck they might reach the Union lines, which would doubtless extend several miles from Altamont, that afternoon.

Within six hours," said Mark, "I shall either be safe among Union soldiers or on my way back to Chattanooga."

Laura shuddered, but said nothing.

Mark found a very different condition of affairs at Anderson from what he had found along the road. The Confederates had some cavalry force there and more at Dunlap, five miles north. On the road he heard that General Bragg was at Dunlap, but with no troops save cavalry.

"I see it all," said the spy to himself. "The wily fox is confronting our forces with a handful of Cheatham and Withers two divisions of Confederate cavalry, while the main body is marching north behind him, and the main force has gone to Knoxville by rail on a line still farther east. No wonder our generals are puzzled and wanting a line from Battle creek to Dunlap. Well grab I If the Lord will only let me get through to carry this information, I'll never ask to live to go on another such expedition."

The party were stopped near Anderson by a picket. Mrs Fain produced her pass and stated that the two behind were in her company. The officer took no especial care in reading it, and when Mark and Laura came up they got safely through without question.

Mark was now anxious about the picket which must be passed in a few minutes on the road leading west from Anderson. Mrs. Fain was still ahead, and he hoped that all would go as well as at the picket just passed. Not a word was spoken between him and Laura; both dreading getting out of Anderson, but once past the next picket they would breathe easier.

When they reached it Mrs. Fain had been passed through and gone on. The officer in command, however, had read the pass carefully. He had not noticed any mention of Mark in it.

"Where's your pass?" he asked.

"Didn't the lady ahead show it to you?" asked Mark.

"Her pass didn't include you."

"Didn't it?" Mark feigned surprise.

"No."

"Oh, I forgot; mine and my wife's is separate," and he drew out the pass of "Thomas Green and wife."

Meanwhile Laura had turned white as a cloth. The officer read the pass, and would doubtless have let them go had he not noticed Laura's agitation.

"You'll have to go back to headquarters and get Major Talliaferro's order on that. He commands at Anderson."

Mark remonstrated. He argued that he would become separated from Mrs. Fain; he urged his wife's desire to reach her sick father. All in vain. He was told that the headquarters were only half a mile down the road and he would lose but little time. He made a virtue of necessity and drove back with apparent good nature.

When he reached the house that was pointed out to him as headquarters, he left Laura in the phaeton and went inside. The commanding officer had gone to Dunlap, five miles away, to pay his respects to General Bragg, and would not be back for an hour or two.

Mark resolved to report his absence to the officer of the picket post, in the hope that he would not be compelled to wait. He drove to the picket and used his tongue persuasively, but to no purpose. The more anxious he seemed the more resolved grew the captain.

There seemed to be nothing to do but return and await the arrival of the commanding officer. Mark mechanically turned the horse's head and drove back to headquarters. Laura's heart sank within her.

It was sunset when Major Talliaferro, a pleasant looking man of twenty-seven or twenty-eight, rode up to the door, and turning his horse over to an orderly entered the office.

"Major Talliaferro" asked Mark.

"At your service, sir."

"Major, I have been detained by the officer at the picket, who wants your name on my pass. My wife's mother has gone on, and her daughter is very anxious to join her. It is extremely unfortunate for us to get so far separated from Mrs Fain."

"Fain, of the Fains of Chattanooga?"

"The same"

"I have heard of the family, but have never had the pleasure of meeting any member of it. One of my friends is engaged to Miss Fain. I have just parted from him at Dunlap."

Mark and Laura cast a quick glance at each other—a glance of terror on the part of Laura.

"We are fortunate in falling into your hands," said Mark, and I beg you will not delay us a moment." And Mark handed him the pass.

"Certainly not." And the major took up a pen to write his indorsement. First he read the pass carefully. He was thinking of what his friend Fitz Hugh had told him of the Fains. He was under the impression that there was but one daughter.

"Mr. Green," he said, looking up from the pass, "hadn't you better stay here over night? The road is mountainous and infested by guerrillas. It is positively dangerous to travel."

"By no means. What would Mrs. Fain think of us not joining her on the road?"

"It is dangerous for her as well as you. I'll send a messenger after her and advise her stopping at some farmhouse. I'll do better than that. I'll send a corporal and half a dozen men to insure her safety till morning."

There was something in the man's tone, polite as it was, that indicated to Mark that he was held for further information.

"As you please, major."

"And I shall insist upon your accepting my hospitality. One connected in any way with my friend Fitz Hugh must not want for any comfort I can supply."

The house occupied by Major Talliaferro belonged to a family who had gladly given up a portion of it for the safety insured by the presence of a commanding officer. The major was given a room down stairs for an office, and a bedroom up stairs. When it was decided that Mark and Laura should remain he gave Mrs. Green, as he called her, the use of the latter for the purpose of arranging her toilet before supper.

When Laura was up stairs Mark was looking out of the window of the major's office. He saw the men ride off to overtake Mrs. Fain. To his consternation another cavalryman, with a letter in his belt, mounted his horse and dashed down the road.

Laura came down at that moment, and Mark said to her anxiously.

I am detained on suspicion. I shall be taken back to Chattanooga," and he pointed to the courier.

The color left Laura's cheeks. They had got so near to safety, and now, after so many dangers, the end was at hand. She could scarcely sustain herself as she tottered into the room occupied as the office.

This is the letter the courier bore northward. It was addressed on the envelope to Captain Cameron Fitz Hugh, near Dunlap.

ANDERSON, Aug 28, 1892.

MY DEAR CAMERON—A man purporting to be Thomas Green, with his wife, formerly a Miss Fain of Chattanooga, is here, desiring a pass to the Union lines. There is something in his face about the man. The couple are supported by the wife's relatives, and the father lives very ill at Nashville. I dislike to detain them, and I do not regard it safe to pass them. Can you help me out of the difficulty? Yours very truly, WALLACE TALLIAFERRO.

Major Talliaferro soon joined Mark and Laura in his office, and offering his arm to Laura led the way to the supper room. His treatment of both was most deferential, but it failed to deceive either that they were prisoners.

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THE Legislature will adjourn finally on Thursday June 1st.

THE Mills Revenue bill was defeated on final passage in the House at Harrisburg on Tuesday of this week by a vote of 99 yeas to 120 nays. That was a Democratic.

THE Smiley Road bill a synopsis of which we published two weeks ago was finally reconsidered and passed the Senate a few days since It is probably too late in the session to pass the House

ON Monday of this week, Judge Henderson of Meadville quashed all the indictments, nine in number against the Defenestrators for embezzlement. The depositors in the wrecked bank are very indignant at the Judge's decision.

THE announcement is made that the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroad Companies will henceforth issue no free passes. If none had been issued the first of the year the Legislature would have been through with its labors a month ago.

Carlyle Harris the wife murderer was electrocuted into eternity in Sing Sing prison on Monday last a few minutes after 12 M. He declared that he was innocent to the last but every opportunity was given him to make that declaration good, to which his attorney failed.

THE State of Nevada has a population, under the census of 1890 of 45 000, nearly 2000 less than McKean Co and it is estimated that at least 20 000 people have left that State within the past three years. This is a serious situation Can a State after once being admitted to the Union be deprived of statehood?

A PROMINENT citizen of Port Allegany was asking early this week what county papers was the list of license appliances published in this year? I take several of them but have not seen it." As we had only seen it in one paper and could not give him all the information he desired we referred him to the authority which designated the papers.

THE scarcity of the present ballot law will be rendered utterly nugatory if the amendment to section 9, offered by Senator Dalzell of Pittsburg is finally adopted by the two houses. It is surprising that such an amendment was agreed to by the Senate. It gives the voter authority to call an assistant to fix up his ballot even if entirely competent to perform that service himself. Of course the Governor will veto, as he ought to, any such proposition.

A CORRESPONDENT writing recently from Harrisburg to the Philadelphia *North American*, is very emphatic in his assertions that the election of Mr Thompson as State Treasurer this year will not seriously affect the nomination of Mr Stone for Governor next year. He says that this theory is circulated mainly by the friends of Mr Haywood of Mercer county who is also a candidate for Treasurer. The MIRROR was probably the first paper in the State to call attention to the fact that it was hardly possible for the two leading officers of the State to be given to one small county in two years, and we are not aware that our friendship for Mr Haywood is any greater than for Mr Thompson. The writer of this has had a pleasant acquaintance with both gentlemen of many years standing and the nomination of either would be perfectly satisfactory to him but that fact has nothing whatever to do with the point raised by this paper weeks ago, that the nomination of Speaker Thompson for Treasurer this year removes all probability of the nomination of Mr Stone for Governor next year If, as the correspondent above referred to asserts, friends of Congressman Stone say that every candidate should stand on his own bottom they will find, before twelve months roll around, that their candidate's bottom is a mighty weak affair. No sincere friend of his ever made such a remark.

THE FENCE LAW

Wm. A. Preston, of Preston Vale, this county, under recent date writes us as follows

"I frequently hear discussions concerning the present requirements of the law as regards fencing particularly line fences. Some claim to have it done compulsionable authority that we are still required to keep up, or may be compelled to pay others for putting up one line fences. Others claim that there is no requirement or compulsion of law whatsoever, for fencing that all there is of it is simply that owners of stock are liable for damages for injury done by their stock, and it is for their interest to restrain and take care of their own stock, and that this individual interest is all the requirement there is for fencing. If you should see fit to shed a little light upon this subject in the columns of the MIRROR it would be a favor to a good many people."

The general fence law is the one which is in force in McKean county The old law of 1700, which required people to fence in their lands and protect their crops from damages by cattle, horses, sheep, &c. and which described the character of fence that must be maintained was in force in this State up to 1889 In the pamphlet laws of the latter year page 27, will be found the act repealing the old colonial act of 1700. Since the passage of the repealing act of 1889 a land owner is not required to keep up fences for the protection of his crops from trespassing them by cattle, horses, &c., can be recovered from their owner. Nothing is said in the act of 1700 about line fences, therefore it undoubtedly applies to all.

THE PROTECTIVE CORNER STONE.

Among the speakers at the sixtieth annual dinner of the American Republican Club, of Pittsburg, given a few evenings since, celebrating the birthday of Gen. Grant, was Hon. C. W. Stone of Warren. He responded to the toast "The Protective System, the Corner Stone of our National Prosperity" Following is a brief summary of his speech and it is well worth reading

I fully understand and appreciate the fact that to this audience it is hardly possible to say anything on this familiar topic which shall awaken interest or have the merit of novelty for if there is any place in this wide world that has a full and practical appreciation of the benefits and wisdom of the policy of protection to American industries it is the city of Pittsburg and if there is any where an audience which entertains this subject in its full scope and practical application is best before me now But yet I know no better place or occasion to express the faith and confidence and the faith of the Republican party in the wisdom of that policy of protection which it has advocated so often and defended for more than 30 years. To us have been years of prosperous national growth and wonderful general prosperity No other nation and no other period in the world's history has paralleled or approached the records of years of growth under Republican rule and the operation of a protective tariff No other nation and no other period in the world's history except the United States of to day in the general intelligence refinement comfort and prosperity of its people.

During the 13 years since the taking of the last census our population has increased from 50, 155 783 to 62 622 250, a gain of 12 466 467 or 24 per cent. Do you appreciate the magnitude of this growth? Do you realize that if we should blot out of existence the city of New York and all of its inhabitants, the city of Philadelphia, the city of Chicago and Boston Baltimore, New Orleans St. Louis Cincinnati and 30 more of the largest cities in the United States we would still have more people than we had 13 years ago? We could spare the States of Maryland and Virginia, and West Virginia and North Carolina and South Carolina, and Florida, and Georgia, and Alabama, and Mississippi and Louisiana and Texas and still have a greater population than in 1880.

Two months ago, when a Republican administration assumed the American flag and celestial American protection over the Hawaiian and Polynesian Islands, we regarded it as satisfactory to the probable and peaceful acquisition of those groups of the Pacific and when at the same time the people were found to our population by the annexation of a number of people we would have gained by the 500 millions of those islands. Even since the Confederate Democratic Senate with the stars and stripes at Honolulu to a nation has gained by natural growth as many people as the Hawaiian Islands contain

Your manufactured products have increased in your own country people to 70 per cent. While we mined 17 339 000 tons of iron ore 13 years ago, we mined 16 036 000 tons now and our 1 200 000 tons of pig iron of 1880 have grown to 4 256 000 tons in 1892. We made four times as much steel and more than twelve times as much coal per year as we did some years ago. The number of persons employed in manufacturing pursuits has increased fifty per cent and the aggregate wages paid to them $500,000,000 or 80 per cent. The deposits in our savings banks, which largely represent the savings of the frugal and industrious wage earners, have increased 90 per cent. Does it appear that the returns of labor and capital alike have grown more rapidly than the gain in population?

Any one that increases the aggregate sum of human happiness is a prosperous citizen. Any one who adds to the products of soil and mine adds a source of the country notwithstanding. The speaker referred to the tariff of 1857 illustrating the policy of the Democratic party and then quoted the message of President Buchanan recommending the monetary and industrial ruin of the country as a result. In 1860 the Republican party came into power on a high degree of prosperity which at once began to decline and after a year and a half of experience President Buchanan in his message to congress found very reason for nothing better called it and greater incapacity than during the most favored period of the nation's history. In one case there is a year and a half of distress prevailing among the people in the other a high degree of prosperity and so general a diffusion of the comforts of life as were never before enjoyed by a people.

In conclusion Mr Stone said The right of suffrage is also clear the means of secure free public school system of America as provided for which we have appropriated as by the magic of a conjurer's wand and the greatest and the greatest, the strongest and the most liberal and the most generous people in the whole galaxy of nations, that ever sought to instruct the younger atoms of our race to prosperity Not simply as Republicans but as Americans as patriots as friends of mankind as citizens of a country which is setting fair example of self government and of ordered and peaceful progress for the benefit of the people of America as well as all

MEMORIAL HOME CHILDREN

At a regular meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Borough of Brookville held on the 24th of February last it was resolved that after the close of the present school term the children of our common schools shall be closed against the children of the Pennsylvania Memorial Home and no tuition thereof shall be permitted to enter our common schools or receive the advantage thereof after the close of the present school year

This action of the Brookville School Board is considered most extraordinary by as why one who is familiar with the facts attending the location of the Memorial Home in that place The facts are as follows

1 The Brookville people did all in their power except spending money to have the Home located there at an expense to the promoters and the public of about $25 000

2 It was organized for a home for indigent soldiers and their wives, and their dependent ones

3 Since the opening of the Home Brookville has furnished its full quota of inmates. There are now above fifty children in the Home who have been attending the public schools of Brookville and these children have been complemented by the faculty of the Brookville school as comparing favorably in all respects with the other attendants of the school

4 The Home is being supported by an annual outlay of more than $200, a large proportion of which is paid directly to Brookville merchants and other business men

These are a few of the facts which go to show that the Brookville School Board is pursuing an exceedingly selfish and unpatriotic spirit in refusing admission to their schools of the children of the Memorial Home

THE Normal Schools of the State are becoming a heavy tax upon the State Treasury Twenty years ago it was considered extravagant for any one of these schools to ask for an appropriation of $10 000 Now they think nothing of asking from fifty to a hundred thousand dollars. The aggregate appropriations asked for by these schools this year amounts to the enormous sum of $1,637 000 Yet it costs a young lady or gentleman just as much if not more to prepare for teaching in one of these institutions this year as it did twenty years ago It is about time that these schools were self sustaining.

THE Northwestern Association of A. E. has completed arrangements to hold its next annual reunion at Conneaut Lake, in the Exposition Park, on the 14th of June. The question is frequently asked, what has become of the McKean County Association? An answer to that question would gratify a good many veterans of the Grand Army

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

From our own correspondent.

HARRISBURG, May 8th.—The Governor has surprised everybody by his approval of the bills creating two new judicial districts in Pennsylvania. The first is the divorcing of Lawrence from Butler county and creating a new district out of Lawrence county; and the second case is the erecting of Lebanon county into a separate district, thus detaching it from the 12th district. In the first instance the Governor pleads that he is justified in departing from his oft expressed convictions as to any increase of the judiciary of the State, because under the new arrangement it will dispense with one or two judges and therefore, on the score of economy he is justified in approving the bill making Lawrence a separate district in the second case he approves of the Lebanon district because he could not well get out of it but in giving reasons for his approval of this bill he pays the judges of the 12th district very high compliments as to their abilities and the work accomplished on the bench of this district. It is not at all probable that the Governor will permit any other new districts to be created

The Senate Judiciary General Committee has at last summed up sufficient spunk to make a report on the Watchorn case This was the case growing out of the appointment of a Factory Inspector two years ago, and his being granted a commission after his appointment had been rejected by the Senate in its refusal to confirm the appointment made by the Governor The sub-committee of the Judiciary General Committee has struggled with the constitutional questions involved ever since the early part of the present session The report rites the several stages of the discourteous treatment of the Senate by the Governor in this particular case and winds up with a very mild rebuke as follows

Resolved That the rejection of the Governor in his action relative to the office of factory inspector has been a derogatory of the rights of the Senate as a co-ordinate branch of the legislature and has not been in accordance with the constitutional requirements relative to appointments which he is authorized by the constitution or law to make

which on motion of Senator McCreery was postponed for the present The occasion for so mild a rebuke to his Excellency may be brought up when the report is called up for adoption by the Senate

The Democratic minority in the report that because the Senate had refused to confirm the nomination of the factory inspector at the session that such refusal had not affected the right of the Governor to fill the vacancy after the Senate had adjourned by appointment, and I emphasize the word by appointment, as the person rejected by the Senate and it is further held by the majority that the only restriction upon the Governor as to his right of nomination and appointment is that he must not commission the person whom the Senate has refused to confirm during the session of the Senate but that on the adjournment of the Senate he had a right to fill the vacancy and grant a commission to the person rejected until the next session of the Senate

The defeat of the Markley bill to place all State Insane Hospitals under the care of the Board of Trustees of the respective hospitals was fatal to the author of the bill, as it was determined to show up the bad management of these institutions by a legislative investigation and I expect at the Warren Asylum for the work A concurrent resolution was passed by the House of Representatives to investigate the Warren Asylum on the charges based on the sworn affidavits of facts presented to the Governor some months ago and by the Governor referred to the Board of Public Charities and by the latter returned as without any foundation The House acted Senate passed the resolution and sent it to the Governor for his approval but he sent it back to the Legislature with his veto which was subsequently sustained by the House

The vote defeating Senator Brown's road bill some two days ago was reconsidered last week and this afforded a chance which Senator Hall embraced of getting his bill before the Senate It was called up and Hall (clerk Smiley's man) building a theory was substituted and the Senate passed the amended bill the following day and it is now in the House for concurrence The Smiley substitute is favorably received as it is thought it will be a step in a direction towards solving the troublesome problem of road building in this State

The expression very often heard now is when will the Legislature adjourn sine die! and I really believe that the statesmen are tired of the session yet when one looks at the calendars in the House and sees twelve and sixteen pages of titles of bills on first and second reading and a calendar of about twenty pages of bill titles for third reading and final passage the question suggests itself when can the House adjourn and pass the legislation that they were sent here to pass! Unless very many of the bills now on the calendars are dropped there is work enough now on the files to keep the legislature here until the frosts of October shall come again But there is serious talk of final adjournment and no doubt seven eighths of the bills on the calendars of the House will not advance beyond their present position and from now until the final day of adjournment novelties and appropriation bills will consume about all of the session and about June 1st the House and Senate will adjourn sine die

ALCOTT

MRS. ELIZA JANNETTE DEPEW, wife of Chauncey M Depew, died at her home in New York on Sunday afternoon last aged about 60 years. Mrs. Depew had a severe attack of influenza some two years ago, from which she never fully recovered She was married to Mr Depew in November, 1871, and leaves one child, Chauncey Jr. who is now 14 years old.

THE Uniontown News announces the James F Burke, late president of the Republican College League, at about his proper size. It says that he "is ambitious to be Secretary of the National Republican League. There is little that that young man does not want, and there is nothing on earth that he is fitted for.

FROM A WORLD'S FAIR BUILDING.

The Pennsylvania State Building is one of the most beautiful and striking on the World's Fair grounds and admirably located, near the Fifty-seventh street entrance, directly facing the Art Palace. Style of architecture is Colonial, reproducing the historical clock tower and other features of Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The famous bell which proclaimed "Liberty throughout all the land," will be placed in the rotunda at the main entrance and many historical relics of priceless value such as Penn's treaty with the Indians, the original charter portraits of distinguished Pennsylvanians rare documents, etc etc will have a place in the building.

Our State Building was constructed by Pennsylvania mechanics of Pennsylvania material the floors are of marble or of hard woods, the valuable panelings etc are taken from the handpicked woods of Pennsylvania forests This stately and imposing building is surrounded by broad and graceful piazzas, upon which several hundred easy chairs are placed The main entrance pierces into a central rotunda thirty feet in diameter and forty feet high

In the rear is a large reception room extending the entire length of the building to the right and left are the ladies' toilet rooms, etc Broad stairways leading to the second story, where the waiting rooms Governor's rooms and officers of the Executive Commissioner are located The doors and windows of the second floor open out upon broad verandahs admirably arranged for promenading and sight seeing, and outside stairways lead to the roof garden where may be had a magnificent bird's eye view of the grounds and lake

Surmounting the main facade of the building are several allegorical pieces of statuary the Pennsylvania Coat of Arms, the horses developed life size flanking this group upon either side are the statues of William Penn and Benjamin Franklin The allegorical groups at the right and left angles of the Building are indicative of the progress and influence developed by the resources of the State Mines and Mining and others

The Pennsylvania State Building is the one to which the kindred arts of architecture sculpture have been happily combined The architect Mr Thomas P Ilsedale and the sculpture J J Boyle, of Phila Delphia are lauded to the greatest credit

SECESSION

A Washington correspondent discusses this subject as follows The especially most people agree that secession is a bad thing but practically the members of all the political parties are guilty of it when they have a chance Here is a partial list written from memory of those guilty of it in the Lincoln administration and Congress President Harrison's brother Secretary Blaine's other and law partner Attorney General Miller in the Supreme Court now in session Postmaster General Wanamaker Treasurer Huckster Senators Quay and Penrose Dolph Mitchell Speaker Crisp Reed Representative Springer Watson Culberson Snapp Snow Commissioner of Education Harris Peelson Wise Bragg Reilly Tillman Blanchard Lodge Cushing Herbert Gorman Whitney and Gresham and the following named Democrats Bayard Vilas Endicott Lamar and Gray And the following named Republicans of the present administration Blaine Harrison Proctor Rusk Secretary of State Foster Secretary of the Treasury Secretary of War Tracy Secretary of the Navy Noble Secretary of the Interior Secretary of Agriculture Wanamaker Postmaster General Miller Attorney General Harrison

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

The manly girl is out of date.

Argument closed next Tuesday.

Base ball enthusiasm is waxing.

The bracelet is somewhat out of [illegible]

Two corners did a ready sale in Kane [illegible]

Sunday last was a good day for the [illegible]

Ice factories are usually sick in summer [illegible]

Prepare for the cholera by keeping [illegible]

Attend the Sab bath meeting Saturday [illegible] evening.

Earthquakes in Cincinnati are [illegible] number.

Hard coal will be shut down There [illegible] prices.

Does something infect eatables with [illegible] germs?

Work on the Creamery building is progressing rapidly.

Exchange says that electric plants [illegible] in salt at Goshen.

The editors will be favored with [illegible] Cudahy next week.

The recent fair weather has had a [illegible] effect on the roads.

It is time for the court house lawn [illegible] to commence sprouting.

Wanted, A coat maker at once, at [illegible] & Co.'s store.

S. J. Clifford is making extensive [illegible] ments on his Bank street residence.

Quite summer-like to see Janitor [illegible] H. Gridley running the lawn mower.

The hotel men of the county took [illegible] session of the county seat last Monday.

The court house lawn has had its whiskers trimmed for the first time this season.

The offering at St. Luke's church on next Sunday morning will be for Diocesan Missions.

—Bishop Whitehead administered confirmation at St. Jewett on Thursday Ascension Day.

Services were held in St. Luke's church on Ascension Day Thursday morning and evening.

T. M. Colegrove has made numerous [illegible] improvements in the appearance of the King street property.

To the legislature give no better rule. The farmers want better roads and they are going have them.

Just as we go to press we learn that the homestead on the Erastus Curtis farm near East Smethport, was burning.

There was a "sworn affidavit" in court this week. Those kind of things are not commonplace but they will appear once in a while.

Maggie Drake oil has been appointed [illegible] saleswoman at Big Shanty this county. [illegible] Arthur Postmaster at Corn[illegible] inter Warren county.

The State Capital of Texas is the largest state building in the United States and the seventh in size among the buildings of the world.

Sheridan Gorton, attorney and counsellor at law in a great fellow for children. Last Tuesday a girl baby arrived to brighten his household.

McHaugh's amateur comedy company played to a large audience on Tuesday evening. The show was an excellent one and everybody enjoyed a world of fun.

Judge P. W. Whiting of Cameron county, was stricken with paralysis on Friday morning, April 28th, at the City Hotel in Emporium. His recovery is considered doubtful.

The members of the Smethport Hose company have about decided to disband unless the citizens of the town manifest a little more interest in them, and render them financial assistance.

The Enterprise says that Smethport's new school building will be built by an Olean man. Coudersport's will be built by home contractors, and will probably compare favorably with the Olean man's work.

Miss Ella Herrick was elected County Superintendent for Cameron county and Miss Anna Butler for Potter county at the recent election in those counties both are evidently popular over in those counties.

June 10th has been fixed upon by some prophets as the time for the world to come to an end. It will therefore be necessary to hurry up most of the weddings appointed for the later days of the month of roses.

S. P. Pope opened the doors of his bar room to the public last Monday night after obtaining a transfer of license. Mr. Pope has remodeled his house considerably and the bar room now presents a handsome appearance as any in the county.

A universal telegraphic hour is proposed. This is to be to count the hours one hour for telegraphic purposes from a standard time. We in America read of events that have happened in Australia a day after the news is received here, because the telegraph can beat the sun by almost a whole day.

A messenger boy at Columbia, Mo., being interested with a telegram for a prominent citizen, started out to deliver it. Presently he saw the said citizen pass in his buggy. The messenger climbed up behind, rode to the man's house in the buggy and then charged him a quarter for delivering the message.

[illegible] road is no more, the task of taking up the twenty-six miles of track being nearly completed. All the stockholders have to show for their investment is poorly engraved sheets of paper.

—"Culture and Character" is the subject of the lecture Rev. E. E. Helms delivers before the teachers and pupils in our public school next Sunday evening at the M. E. church. The Board of directors and the public generally are invited. In the morning there will be "A thirty minute Study of Hearts." Evening service at 8 o'clock.

Rev. E. E. Helms, pastor of the M. E. church at Smethport, Pa., will preach in the Peoples' M. E. church at Ninety street and East Side to-morrow. Rev. Helms is considered one of the best speakers on the conference platform. Conference M. E. conference is to be held at Smethport, is given on page [illegible] Olean Times, May 10.

Riley & Co., the steaming dealers in carriages, wagons, harness and implements of all kinds have just received a handsome catalogue describing their line, a copy of which we have just received at this office. Riley & Co. are leaders and thus they are capable of holding their old lead to clearly prove by a glance at their new catalogue.

It requires three years to get asparagus beds in such condition as to produce a good crop. Fresh loam is the best soil for the purpose. The ground should be deeply broken and mixed with plenty of good compost. Top dressings of manure should afterwards be applied. There are very few varieties of asparagus. The palmetto is one of the kinds most recently introduced.

Miss [illegible] McEntree, Secretary of the McKean Co. Children's Aid Society, writes us from Bradford that they have two children this week that [illegible] find homes for. One is a bright boy about seven years old, the other a cute, beautiful girl about eight. Anyone wishing to [illegible] either with a home, will address Miss McEntree or leave their name at the MINER office.

All persons are invited to visit the stock farm just west of Smethport and examine Congdon, who is about [illegible] Hambletonian stallion registered No. [illegible] This competitor was bred in Vermont, England and was imported to Genesee [illegible] Aurora by W. H. Picard, was then four years old of horse, drift [illegible] and is located in Bear blood stock [illegible] of Breeding.

The last time the old city bell rang was in 1865 on June 5 to announce the death of John Marshall chief justice of the United States. At that time the bell was cracked and its use has since been spared. The bell first rang out May 4, 1835, to call the Council together to [illegible] the construction of the [illegible] of provision is extremely doubtful that [illegible] will be ordered otherwise.

It is related that a young cigarette smoker having heard that the manufacturers offered a prize for the return of the empty boxes in such vast quantities and in the form of cigarette smoke. The boy's [illegible] a squadron of fine pressed were dashed to the ground when he received the following response from the Grim [illegible] send us another thousand and we will send you a collie.

Mr. Chas. Yeates, late editor of the Johnsonburg News, is withdrawing from that paper last week intends to his successor Miss Ada Malone, as a journal of well-known ability and has for a number of years past controlled the Kane Local of the leading weekly paper of McKean county. The first six words of this [illegible] will be an early endorsed by every newspaper in the Journalistic fleet of McKean county. Some of the subject to the Balance.

A meeting will be held at the Hyde House on Saturday evening of this week for the purpose of perfecting a base ball organization for the coming season. Smethport's reputation to take the circuit has always been first class and there is no reason why her prestige should not be maintained. This is a base ball year throughout the country and such proper encouragement as the club can be favored here need to none in this section. All players and cranks are requested to be present at the meeting.

Jerry Minehan, a well known W. N. Y. & P. R. R. conductor, who years ago run the Clermont branch died suddenly of an apoplectic stroke at his home in the hotel Willard in Bradford on Friday of last week. He had been in the employ of that company for twenty years or more and was one of their most popular employees. He was aged 41 years and was married. He was buried in Olean on Sunday last under the auspices of St. Johns Commandery No. 1, of that city of which he was a member.

The Bradford Sunday *Noter* says that during the 6:00 building now on Chestnut street, that city an Wednesday morning of last week Officer Thomas Osborne while assisting in taking the horses out of Chapman & Wickham's barn was shocked in the face by one of the animals, knocked down two teeth extracted without taking gas and his face cut badly. The horse was uninjured. Mr. Osborne is getting on all right, but will carry a scar that will give him entree to reservation social circles at all times.

Workmen have commenced excavating for a new three story brick building to be erected on the lot adjoining Judge Hamlin's bank building on Main street. Jonathan Colegrove, of this place, is the proprietor of the property and will equip the building as a boot and shoe store. It is understood that Frank Hodkiss of D. C. Young's mercantile house will have the general management of the business. A boot and shoe establishment will supply a long felt want in Smethport, and the location is a most favorable one.

—When political shots are shattered and rotten methods are exposed to the public, certain individuals who haven't the ability to rely on decent journalism, resort to the boyish revenge of calling their antagonists bad names. Sterling Run Lindsley of the Democrat got mad last week and called a member of the MINER staff "hair brained." This is a severe criticism and we hardly expected it from a professed old friend. The "hair brained" never yet had to resort to bad names, but he always manages to show up the hypocrisy of his enemies in a way not pleasant to them.

—It is authoritively stated that his royal highness, G. Cleveland, will fish for brook trout in the virgin forests of Potter county within the next few weeks. Potter county will be the next Lew wants, if Cleveland is to be landed. Potter county will be the next Lew wants, if Cleveland is to be landed.

Ed. Hyde, the irrepressible, was in town this week.

E. P. Hamlin and H. H. Kane drove to Smethport Sunday.

Sherman made the MINER office a pleasant call last Monday.

Rev. J. H. Mee and wife returned from a trip to New York Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fourth from Crosby were pleasantly to friends in town on Tuesday.

Miss Lyd Mee, of returned last week to on St. John the Baptist school New York.

Elder J. A. Baker of the Kane Republican, was visiting around town on Monday.

William H. Hewitt of Brookwayville, was in town on Monday last.

Hugh Bell, Clermont's enterprising hotel proprietor passed Sunday last in Smethport.

Sol. Shuttleworth and Miss Flora Baker, of Port Allegany, came to the county seat on Sunday last.

Mrs. Eva Baird is visiting in Olean this week the guest of her sister, Mrs. Tom A. Tyler.

The Bell family are in it this year. L. B. E. and was elected County Superintendent of Mercer county.

Jeremiah E. Chadwick of Smethport, who has been ill for several months past is rapidly convalescing.

Burt Kibbler who has been employed in Buffalo for several months past returned to his home in this place Monday.

Rev. S. D. Peet, and Mrs. Beebe, of Port Allegany, were pleasant callers at the MINER office on Monday of this week.

Daniel Hanley in company with his friend Mr. Jefferson of Rhinebeck made the MINER office a pleasant call Wednesday.

James Richards of Kasson who is assisting school at Wilcamport is visiting with friends and relatives in town this week.

We are very sorry to hear that H. P. Barbour, editor of the Bradford Star has been confined to his home by illness for some time past.

Miss Amelia Lattimore, daughter of T. A. Lattimore, of Port Allegany, is preparing herself for a teacher at the West Chester Normal School.

Sumner E. Bell and wife after an extended tour, returned to Smethport last Wednesday. Mr. Bell left for Ramona on a business trip yesterday.

We regret to state that the condition of W. J. Colegrove, Esq., of Kingsville, who was stricken with paralysis some time ago, is not improved.

Edward Rose, Esq., of Wheeling, West Virginia, visited his brother, Hon. Robert H. Rose of this place, for a few days this week. He left yesterday for Binghampton, N. Y., where he will in future reside.

License Court.

License Court convened Monday morning May 8th, Hon. T. A. Morrison presiding. A list of fifty-one applications was called over, very few objections being made or remonstrances filed. There was, however, considerable opposition to the applications from Kane borough and a remonstrance was filed against the granting of any licenses in Port Allegany. There was also some opposition to J. B. Peebles of Gilmore and J. V. Brown of Duke Centre.

Court adjourned Monday evening, all hearings being concluded with the exception of H. H. Carson's application for the Kane House.

Judge Morrison on Tuesday granted forty-three of the licenses and refused eight. J. V. Brown of Duke Centre, Rick Donovan and H. H. Carson of Kane, received licenses notwithstanding the opposition made to granting them.

Those refused are J. Sheehan, Bradford, E. E. Long, Mt. Jewett, John B. Peebles, Derrick City, E. J. Best, Port Allegany, Patrick Cull and Albert Nelson, Eldred, L. J. Vedder, Mt. Alton, and M. P. Coffman, Kane.

The "Nonsundah."

At a regular meeting of the members of the Nonsundah Club in their rooms Saturday evening, May 6, a very satisfactory report, prepared by Treasurer J. M. McElroy was read. It showed a prosperous financial condition of the organization. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President	Henry Hamlin.
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Trustees	H. Rogers, A. A. Ford, E. F. Wright.

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C. H. Holcomb, of Austin Creek, was down last Saturday.

Mrs. Jennie Riley and child of Olean, was in town over Monday visiting friends.

F. H. Hearse, of the Eldred sanitarium, visited his brother-in-law, friends over Sunday.

Dr. Hamlin, of Albany, and a prominent member dealer of that section, was in town Monday.

Miss Leon Lemon is once more a happy papa, this time a little girl being added to his family circle.

W. F. Miner the book agent from Portville, was in town Monday delivering the books he contracted some weeks ago.

An ice cream social was held at the M. E. parsonage last Friday night for the benefit of that society. They were quite successful both financially and socially.

A. D. Gould brought a large delegation, both from and to, Coleman Tuesday for the head waters of Harden Brook on a fishing trip. After success attended their efforts.

Mr. Peabody has been making a hustle this week to get their farming under way as it is the open season for first setting of beer. Most of the farmers who have about 10(?) tons farms.

George Kay, of Florence City one of Eldred's most enterprising, but new men of McKean county, secured a contract to build a house for the commencement exercises, and take [illegible] to Coudersport tonight.

Mr. Hamlin has been one a resident of Gardeau, for a considerable time that place last Monday evening. He has quite a large [illegible] in the Gardeau and will be a success for Messrs Kirk.

Prof. Perry, who has been at the head of the [illegible] for the past year and who has won such a reputation as to be one of the most successful teachers was in town to [illegible] for

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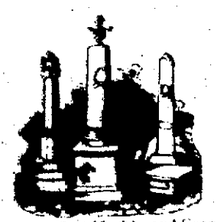
Smethport, Pa., April 14, 1892.



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CATTLE IN THE WEST.

HOW THE BIG CATTLE OWNERS' INTERESTS ARE PROTECTED.

An Old and Easy Though Dangerous Way of Getting a Head That Is Rarely Followed Nowadays—The Arrangement of Brands and the Roundup.

It is a common matter of wonderment among eastern folk and others unfamiliar with the great west and its ways how the many herds of cattle that roam over the immense stretches of unfenced prairie and hill pasture are kept track of by their respective owners, and how a stockman can possess himself of his own during property, assert his ownership and realize on it when he wishes to. Of course the cowboys ride the ranges and endeavor to keep the herd within the bounds of their employer's property, and they succeed in the main. But where pasture lots are 40, 20 or even 20 or more miles square and unfenced naturally a good many cattle get astray, wander into other ranges and mix with other herds.

There was when a couple or more adventurous young men could start life in the west or southwest with no capital or outfit but a horse apiece and a branding iron, and in a year or so be worth a good sized fortune in cattle, but a strong public sentiment working through the agency of hempen rope put a stop to this kind of industry. Cattle thieves hardly exist today, and so excellent a system has been perfected among cattle owners that nowadays a man need not lose a single steer if he is careful about his branding.

Every owner has a different brand, and the number of brands in any one cattle state runs up into the tens of thousands. They are most of them of exceedingly quaint design, and the advertising columns of the western country newspaper often look much like mummy scrolls covered with Egyptian hieroglyphics because of the numerous cuts of cattle brands pictured for the information of the ranchers. Sometimes a rancher despairs of inventing a new brand, and then he uses an old one, placing it on a different part of the animal from that where the owner of the original one brands his animals. The brand is the owner's title deed to the steer, and it is respected.

An association is formed among the cattle owners in each far western state to deal with estrays. Oftentimes this business is looked after by a state board of commissioners appointed by the governor. The various brands used by the owners are registered, with minute accuracy of design, position and other particulars, at the office of the secretary of the association or commission. When the roundup is made on each ranch and all the cattle gathered together for shipment, there are always a great many estrays cattle that have wandered from other ranges among the herd. Sometimes there may be strange cattle from half a dozen or a dozen different herds.

Instead of notifying the owner to "come over and get his beasts" the estrays are either shipped to Chicago, Kansas City or wherever the market may be along with the regular herd or are sent to a designated center, where all estrays may be gathered together at the roundup season. In the latter case, when a sufficient number have been collected, the "estray herd" is shipped to market. Men are appointed at the stockyards by the association or the governor to inspect the herds as they arrive and to look after their sale. The estrays are sold in the regular way, and the money is usually sent direct by the inspector at the market to the owners of the brands worn by the cattle so sold. This official makes it his business to keep track of all the strayings, and the money realized in an estray rarely fails to reach the owner of the steer.

The amount of money realized at market on estrays and remitted to the owners through the association runs from $100,000 to $200,000 in every season for each of the several big cattle raising states. In 1891, for instance, the number of estrays from Montana sold in St. Paul and Chicago was 15,000, and upward of $300,000 was realized on their sale and remitted through the association to the rightful owners.

The fence question is an old and perplexing one, and many and sanguinary have been the wars in Texas and other cattle states between fencers and fence cutters. It has been judicially decided even that a man must not fence in his land under some circumstances. The fence around a 20-mile square lot is apt to be in the way of travelers, and when the mail goes that way the fence has been declared illegal. But often stockmen don't want to fence. The western stockman who raises cattle on the unbounded prairie knows nothing of the harassment that adds to the suburban resident whose chickens will fly over the neighbor's fences.—New York Sun.

The Trouble in Keeping a Persian Cat.

The love of liberty is the ruling passion of the Persian cat, as it is of the Angora. Every one of the long haired, indeed, delights in long solitary tramps. It seems impossible to cure them of the desire, and what is not really desired by generally succeeds in getting a owner or Later. Tom is one of the most attractive and most costly pets in the city, where thieves abound, is to live a life of constant activity and watchfulness. Only those who have not guard over a sly and cunning human lunatic, ever plotting to escape, can appreciate the vigilance necessary for his safety. Yet in spite of this he is ornamental and so beautiful is the gentle creature that few who are able to do so can deny themselves the pleasure of owning one.—Olive Thorne Miller in Harper's Bazar.

A Phrase That Has Lost Value.

"Worth its weight in gold" is a phrase without the meaning which it formerly conveyed. Beryllium is worth about 10 times its weight in the precious yellow metal; rosalium is five times more costly. Besides these, there are a dozen minerals and metals that are equal in value to gold.—St. Louis Republic.

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BEST IN THE WORLD.

NAPOLEON ON RECIPROCITY.

A Possible Reason Why England Was Always Ready to Fight Him.

Napoleon was in very good spirits and seemed very desirous to show that though he had ambition England was not without her share also. He said that ever since the time of Cromwell we had set up extraordinary pretensions and arrogated to ourselves the dominion of the sea; that after the peace of Amiens Lord Sidmouth wished to renew the former treaty of commerce, which had been made by Vergennes after the American war, but that he (Napoleon), anxious to encourage the industry of France, had expressed his readiness to enter into a treaty, not like the former, which it was clear from the portfolio of Versailles must be injurious to the interests of France, but on terms of perfect reciprocity—viz., that if France took so many millions of English goods England should take as many millions of French produce in return. Lord Sidmouth said: "This is totally new. I cannot make a treaty on these conditions."

"Very well, I cannot force you into a treaty of commerce any more than you can force me, and we must remain as we are—without commercial intercourse."

"Then," said Lord Sidmouth, "there will be war, for unless the people of England have the advantages of commerce secured to them which they have been accustomed to they will force me to declare war."

"As you please. It is my duty to study the best interests of France, and I shall not enter into any treaty of commerce on other principles than those I have stated."

He stated that although England made Malta the pretext, all the world knew that was not the real cause of the rupture—that he was sincere in his desire for peace, as a proof of which he sent his expedition to San Domingo. When it was remarked by Colonel Campbell that England did not think him sincere, from his refusing a treaty of commerce and sending consuls to Ireland with engineers to examine the harbors, he laughed and said that was not necessary, for every harbor in England and Ireland was well known to him. Bertrand remarked that every embassador was a spy.

Napoleon said that the Americans admitted the justness of his principles of commerce. Formerly they brought over some millions of tobacco and cotton, took specie in return and then went empty to England, where they furnished themselves with British manufactures. He refused to admit their tobacco and cotton unless they took from France an equivalent in French produce. They yielded to his system as being just. He added that now England had it all her own way, that there was no power which could successfully oppose her system, and that she might now impose on France any treaty she pleased.

"The Bourbons, poor devils [here he chuckled himself] are great lords, who are contented with having back their estates and castles, but if the French people become dissatisfied with that [the treaty] and find that there is not the encouragement for their manufactures in the interior of the country that there should be, they [the Bourbons] will be driven out in six months. Marseilles, Nantes, Bordeaux and the coast are not troubled by that, for they always have the same commerce, but in the interior it is another thing. You will know what the feeling is for her at Torquay, Lyons and those places which have manufactures, and which I have encouraged." — Thomas Ussher, R. N., in Century.

How Crinoline Is Used.

Talking with a celebrity on feminine costume a day or two ago I lightly touched the needed point on crinoline and asked the masterly opinion on the subject "Crinoline," replied the young man, "as we employ it, is not likely to detract from feminine grace or loveliness. On the contrary, all I desire is to give a consistent appearance to the materials employed, and for that purpose some form has had to be adopted. Fabrics woven with horsehair is about the least weighty having going, and accordingly is more in demand than any other. It is also probable that later on strips of aluminum will be used for rigidly maintain the forms of skirts in flounced shape. Stiff muslin sewn with narrow lines of straw is of course coming in several manufactures, but it is exceedingly heavy and inconvenient, and in consequence I have not given it house room."—London Telegraph.

Women of Their Period.

In the great momentum of the women movement, which gains new victims every day, one is inclined to overlook the fact that woman was a power morally, socially and intellectually in the fifteenth century as well as the nineteenth, that the doors of the universities were open to her not only to study but to teach within their sacred precincts. In the University of Salamanca she had a place, and when Isabella of Spain desired to acquire the Latin tongue it was to a woman that she turned for a tutor. In Italy, even in the thirteenth century, a noble Florentine lady won the palm of oratory in a public contest in Florence with learned doctors from all over the world.—New York Sun.

Street Rails as Crossings.

Grade crossings on street railways are as dangerous as on trunk lines and should be just as carefully protected. If a railroad company should cross the tracks of another, leaving the chances of collision to be avoided solely by the watchfulness of the engineer, there would be a great hue and cry. Yet similar carelessness is passed over in the case of street railways, though the danger is even greater on account of the increased frequency with which the tracks are used.—Kate Field's Washington.

A Bad Habit.

Mrs. Clamwhooper—John, you have a very annoying habit of saying "What's that?" whenever you are spoken to. Can't you break yourself of it?

Mr. Clamwhooper (reading)— Eh — what's that?—Texas Siftings.

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The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever, corns and skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by Frank R. Foster, Druggist.

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TALES FROM HAWAII.

A NAVY OFFICER FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS TALKS.

King Kamehameha III and His Dislike of an American Lieutenant—Cultivating the Good Nature of the Hawaiian People—Yarns About Other Things.

An officer of the navy who recently returned from a cruise of the Pacific squadron, and who spent many months cruising among the Sandwich Islands, relates an interesting story in connection with the convivial habits of some of the monarchs of that kingdom. He says that the navy department, at the request of the state department, has been specific in its instructions since the civil war that commanding officers and other officers of the navy should as far as possible cultivate the most friendly acquaintance with the Hawaiian people. He went on to say:

"There was a time when it was apparent that the people of those islands had not any desire to have friendly intercourse with American navy officers. That was when Lieutenant (later Rear Admiral) William Reynolds was naval storekeeper at Honolulu in 1857 and staid there two or three years. He had a manner that made him many friends and also many enemies, and King Kamehameha III was especially offensive toward the lieutenant. The king sought every opportunity to show his dislike of Lieutenant Reynolds.

"At that time the latter was on the 'reserved list' of the navy, and the king concluded that he was not obliged to show him the same amount of courtesy that would be due to him if he were on the active list. But in 1861 Lieutenant Reynolds was, upon his own application, put back on the active list, and after the close of the war, in 1865, he was sent to Honolulu in command of the sloop-of-war Lackawanna.

"The Lackawanna remained in Honolulu harbor for more than a year, and her long stay there excited the distrust of King Kamehameha, and he employed a person detailed on the Lackawanna to do a shrewd piece of detective work—to secure copies of the dispatches of Captain Reynolds to the navy department at Washington. The person employed for this clandestine work was enamored of one of the Hawaiian women of noble birth and considerable wealth, and Bill Ragsdale, a Kanaka and one of the smartest politicians in the islands and a man of great power and influence in the royal family, encouraged the lover in his desire to marry the young woman and promised him ultimate success if he should secure copies of the confidential correspondence between Captain Reynolds and the navy department.

"The correspondence was secured and given to Ragsdale, who then informed upon the young man who had played false to his commander, and instead of marrying the girl he was court martialed and sentenced to imprisonment on the notorious Dry Tortugas. Ragsdale afterward had to be sent to the island of Molokai, where all lepers are exiled and where he died a few years ago.

"The Lackawanna was succeeded by the sloop-of-war Mohongo, of which the late Rear Admiral Edward Simpson was commander, and the latter, by his diplomatic tact and keen judgment, soon won King Kamehameha over, and the officers of the Mohongo became very popular at court and received every attention and courtesy during the five months that the vessel was in Honolulu harbor. King Kamehameha was succeeded on the Hawaiian throne by his brother Lunalilo, popularly known as Whickers Billy, because of his fondness for his beard, which was of luxurious growth. Lunalilo also had a fondness for that which would inebriate, but as there was a no license law—that is, so far as selling liquor to a native Hawaiian was concerned—he made it a practice to visit friendly warships to satisfy his appetite.

"Lunalilo lived only a short time. Kalakaua took Lunalilo's place on the throne, and he was a fair successor and succeeded pretty well in sustaining the reputation of his predecessor as an anti-prohibitionist. He also was very fond of a good game of poker, and when simply Prince David he used to play it many an interesting game. Bruce Emerson, the negro minstrel, had some of his 'gags' on the stage in San Francisco that he once sat in a poker game with five kings. 'How is that?' said the middle man. 'Why, I had four and Dave was the other,' said Billy. This was a game in which it is said the minstrel held Kalakaua for a 'pot' amounting to $5,000.

"In 1874 Kalakaua visited this country, coming to San Francisco on the war vessel Benicia. Upon the arrival of the vessel at San Francisco, Lieutenant Commander W. H. Whiting, recently on duty at the navy yard, and who had been ordered to command the Alliance, now at Honolulu, was detailed to take charge of the royal party as escort it to San Francisco. A special train was provided for its entertainment by the state department, and the king and his party had a right royal time.

"You will no doubt recall the joke which the officers have had on Lieutenant William S. Cowles, who is now naval attache at the London legation, ever since the visit of the Queen Dowager Kapiolani to this country a few years ago. He had command of the junketing boat Dispatch when the queen was taken on a trip down the Potomac, and in his address of welcome he heard he paid this extravagant eulogy to her, 'Most noble extravagant queen, I am your majesty's and beautiful queen. I am your majesty's. I gracious permission to address you.' Instead of Queen Kapiolani was the color of chocolate. Cowles and other officers who heard it thought it a little strong, but then the speech was entirely impromptu."—New York Tribune.

Portuguese Olives.

Why are not Portuguese olives more extensively imported into our country? Unlike the queen olives of France, Spain and Italy the Portuguese olives are pickled when they are wholly ripe and are therefore much more palatable and nutritious.—New York Times.

The most painful cases of rheumatism may be relieved by a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm; its continued use will cure any case no matter of how long standing. It is equally beneficial for lame back, pain in the side, pain in the chest, lameness, and in all painful affections requiring an external remedy. A piece of flannel saturated with Pain Balm and bound over the seat of pain is superior to any plaster. For sale by A. B. Armstrong.

I have been troubled with catarrh for ten years and have tried a number of remedies but found no relief until I purchased a bottle of Ely's Cream Balm I consider it the most reliable preparation for catarrh and cold in the head.—Geo. E. Crandall, P. M., Quonocawantaug, R. I.

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A Definition of Sensational Politics.

In the earlier days it was the commonly accepted idea that the somnambulist was possessed. Anything and everything that could not be understood or explained was of the supernatural. To see an individual apparently asleep and utterly oblivious to the greater number of surrounding objects and yet so keenly awake to others as to be able to perform the most intricate actions without the aid of the senses was so greatly at variance with the common experience of mankind as to call up feelings of astonishment and awe, not alone to the minds of the vulgar or laymen, but to those accustomed to scientific investigation. Modern science has at least dispelled this idea of the supernatural, though it has not yet been able to furnish a rational theory which will account for all of the manifestations of the affection. It has done much, however, toward elucidating the functions of different parts of the nervous system and in that way prepared the mind for a fuller understanding.

Thus, in 1843, came a definition of somnambulism as "a condition in which certain senses and faculties are suppressed or rendered thoroughly impressive, while others prevail in most unwonted exaltation, in which an individual, though asleep, feels and acts most energetically, holding an anomalous species of communication with the external world, awake to objects of attention and most profoundly torpid to things at rest, time indifferent, a condition unexpecting which most commonly the patient on awakening retains no recollection, but on any relapse into which a train of thought and feeling related to and associated with the antecedent paroxysm will very often develop."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

An Artist's Views.

"My own training has been a very thorough one," said Sir George Reid, P. R. S. A., in reply to a question I put him, as he refilled his church warden and stretched himself at full length on his sofa. "At 12½ years of age I was apprenticed to a lithographer in Aberdeen. I came to Edinburgh in 1861 and entered the board of trustees' school of painting at the Royal institution on my twentieth birthday. I started my artistic career as a landscape painter and would have scouted the idea of painting portraits.

"However, I gradually came to the realization that as a rule the drawing in landscape was very faulty and weak. I felt that a landscape painter should go in for a good figure education, and so be able to draw anything. I therefore went in carefully for that branch of art, returned to Aberdeen and began landscape painting and occasional portraits. Gradually my portraits elbowed my landscapes out of the field, which shows how little command a man has over destiny," thoughtfully remarked my host. "I don't regret it. Portrait painting has been most interesting to me and has brought me many friends."—Cassell's.

The Civic Value of the Teacher.

Since the days of Aristotle and his predecessor, Plato, there has, I think, been no great ethical or political writer who has ignored what I may perhaps call the civic value of education. Sophrates himself (if indeed the "Theages" is possibly familiar to you as it is quoted by Roger Ascham in "The Schoolmaster," enunciates the opinion that "no one goeth about a more godlie purpose than he that is mindfull of the good bringing up both of his owne and other men's children." "What greater or better service," says Cicero, "can we render to the state than by teaching and educating the young?"

St. Chrysostom, setting the seal of Christian authority to the judgment of the refined pagan world, exclaims, "There is no greater art than this of education, for what is equal to the power of disciplining the character and moulding the understand of a youth?"—Contemporary Review.

Women Should Try Raising Violets.

Such has been the rage for violets this season that the wholesale dealers have hardly been able to supply the retailers, who have paid as high as $1.75 a hundred for them through Lent and have paid since at times a penny apiece. Just before Easter one florist sold 3,000 bunches in a single day. It seems to me there is a suggestion in these facts for some refined, capable woman, who would like to add to her income. Ask any gardener, and he will tell you violets are easily raised; that the forcing of them in frames through the winter is not at all difficult, and if one can carry the same direct to the retailer during the busy season a big profit is assured. What one can do another may attempt, and it is certain that this season a certain clerk living in the suburbs brought into the city every morning freshly picked bunches of violets which greatly increased his income. —Brooklyn Eagle.

The Hidden Life of a Man.

The young man who made an unhappy marriage and was divorced was for years a mystery to his creditors, because he did not pay his debts, though he worked hard day and night. His reputation in that time suffered terribly, and he lost caste with many people who had formerly admired him. When the woman from whom he had been divorced died some time later from an excruciatingly painful disease, he began to pay his debts. There are exceedingly few people who know that all the money which he could earn he gave to make her life less miserable.—New York Tribune.

Fitted For the Post.

Hotel Proprietor—Yes, I want a clerk at once. What do you know about hotel keeping?

Applicant—Know? See here! Unless you've got four or five years to spare for you've got four or five years to spare for you've got four or five years to spare for